



**Town Of Clarkson
Office of the Supervisor
Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan**

Appendix B –15T

Hazard Specific Analysis: Civil Disturbance

Definition:

“An individual or collective action causing serious interference with the peace, security, and/or normal functioning of a community (e.g., riot).”¹

Also defined by law as: Any public disturbance involving acts of violence by a group of 3 or more persons causing immediate danger, damage or injury to the property or person of another individual.²

Description:

Civil Disturbance is not felt to present a serious threat to communities within the Town Of Clarkson. While racial tension was identified as the “trigger event” leading to the Rochester Riots of 1964, a civil disturbance can erupt because of politics, religion or a crime that is particularly disturbing to a specific group of people. It is felt that within the Town Of Clarkson, that Natural disasters and most other types of Technological Disasters far outweigh the threat of civil disturbance, which is the reason for the ranking of this item as a low hazard at 15. This ranking may need to be revisited in the future as the town continues to grow and become more diverse in its population.

Overview of specific hazard locations and the extent of the hazard:

Since a disturbance can occur anywhere, it would not be practical to target any particular geographic location.

Previous occurrences of the hazard:

The July 1964 riots erupted in the 3rd Ward of the City of Rochester. Although Joseph Avenue was the most noteworthy location in the local press, adjacent streets were also involved.

Probability of future occurrences and potential magnitude:

It is nearly impossible to predict the probability of future occurrences, but the possibility certainly exists as indicated by the hazard rating. Data from the 1964 riots supports the case that the potential magnitude of Civil

¹ HAZNY

² Barron's Law Dictionary 18USC 232

Disturbance could be substantial if an event occurred.

Maps of hazard areas:

Map is not required due to widespread geographic potential.

Analysis of the impact on business, infrastructure & critical facilities:

Specific information regarding impact is still pending.

Specific information concerning estimated value (\$) of potential loss, damage to structures, casualties, etc:

Specific information regarding potential loss is still pending.

Notes on data limitations: None